

You're Invited!

Livingston Avenue Improvements Study Public Meeting Open House

This is the community's opportunity to review preliminary concepts designed for safer travel on Livingston Avenue. The concepts were shaped with input from the project Steering Committee, representing neighborhood residents and business, faith and community organizations. Let us know what you think, and engage with city staff and the project team during the open house events!

Questions or Comments?

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November 17

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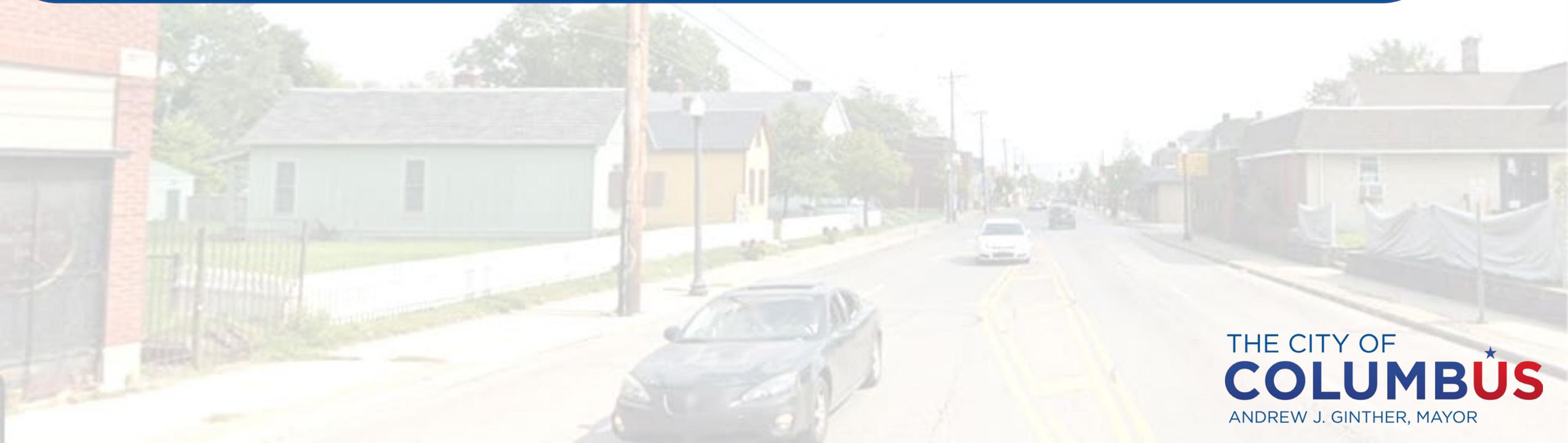
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Livingston Avenue Improvements Study S. 18th Street to Nelson Road

Public Meeting

November 17, 2022



Meet the Team

City of Columbus -

Dept. of Public Service

- Design and Construction
- Planning
- Public Affairs
- Traffic Management

Steering Committee

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- Engineering and Design

Lawhon & Associates

- Public Involvement



Steering Committee

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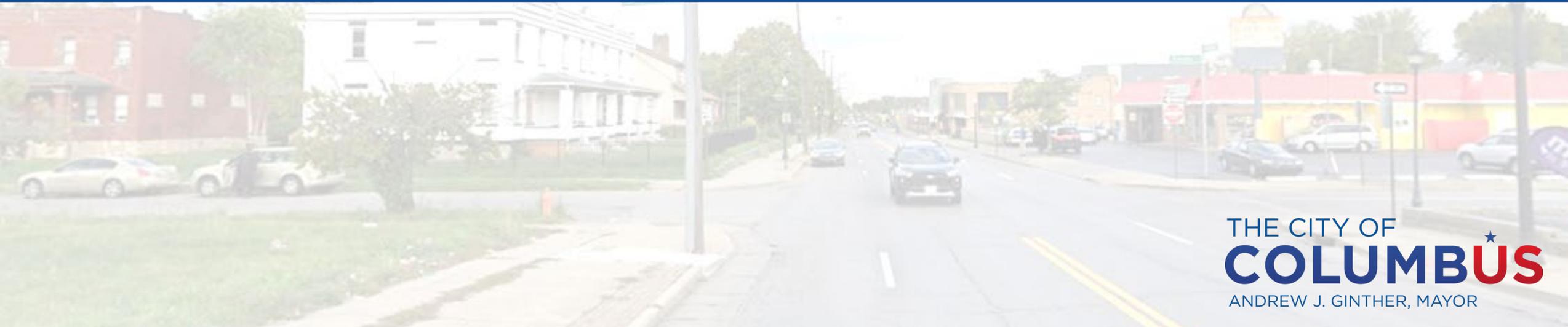
Livingston Ave. Columbus, OH Safety Group

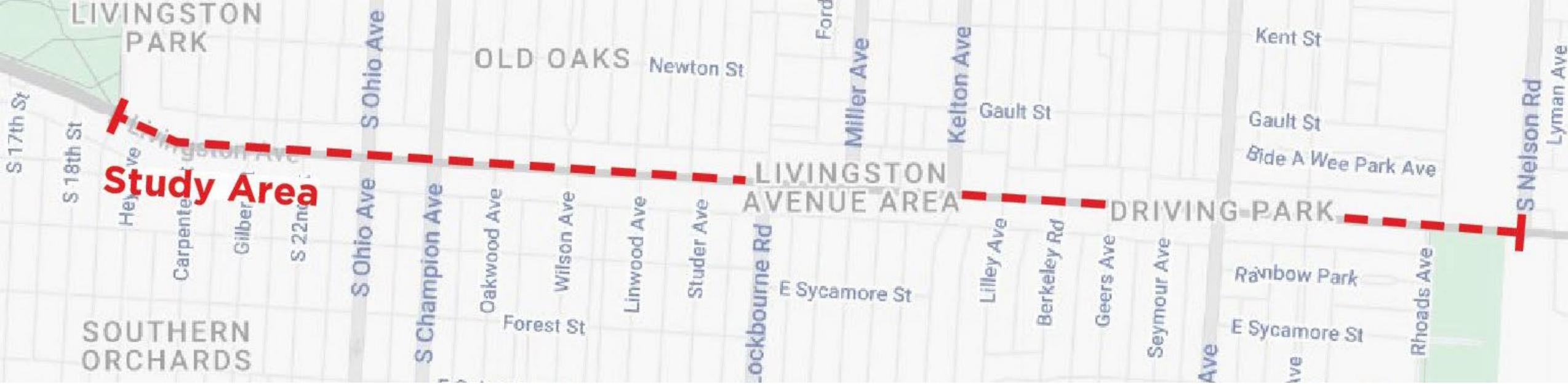
Sherman Willis

Community business owner



Study Parameters





Study Limits

- Study limits extend along Livingston Avenue from S. 18th Street to Nelson Road
- This section of Livingston Avenue is also designated as a part of US 33

Relevant Project History in Corridor

Other Projects Improvements

City of Columbus

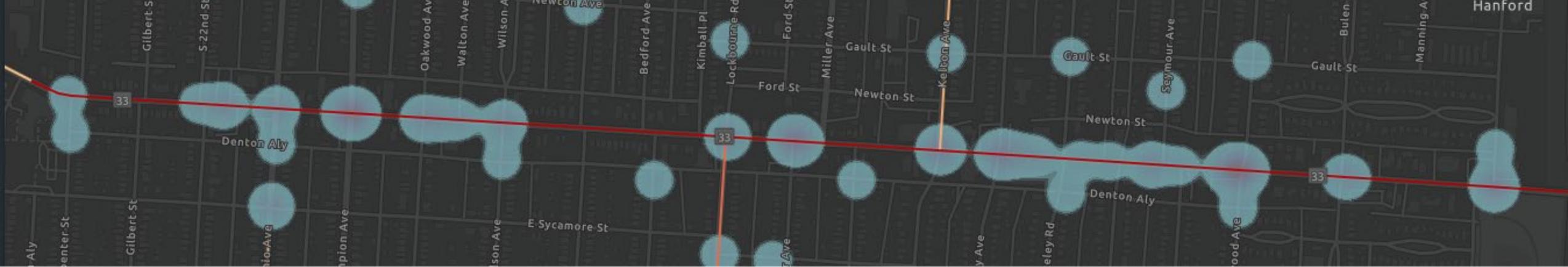
- Livingston Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Project, Miller St. – Fairwood Ave. (2000)
- Parsons/Livingston Improvements, 9th St – Ohio Ave. (2010)
- Livingston Streetscape, Ohio Ave. to Fairwood Ave. (2013)

ODOT

- Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project (22nd St., Lilley, and Wilson) (2022)

Previous Studies

- Near Nationwide Children's, joint plan with Bexley
- History of crashes & speeding



Why?

Vision Zero

- Project corridor has **6x** the fatality rate, and **5x** the serious injury rate than the general MORPC MPO area.
- The corridor is part of the city and regional High Injury Networks.
- Speeding and safety concerns significantly limit opportunities for residents and businesses.



<https://vision-zero-columbus.hub.arcgis.com/>

Why?

- Many of the communities along Livingston Avenue have been historically disadvantaged

“When you look at where interstates are routed, they are an exact road map through the communities that lacked the political power to not have them constructed through those communities.”

- ODOT Director Jack Marchbanks.



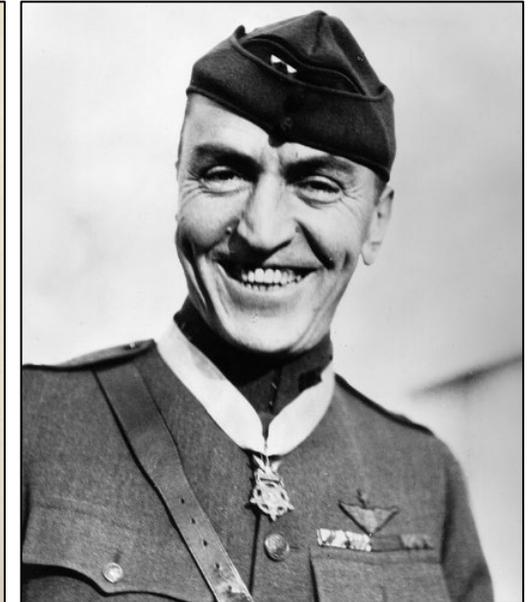
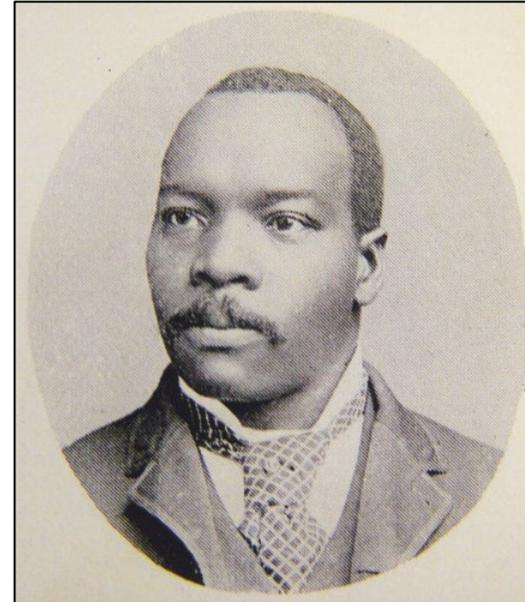
Desired Outcomes

Study

- Work **with** the Community to develop clear design objectives
- Perform necessary traffic analyses to develop effective countermeasures to speeding and safety concerns

Project as a whole

- Address community and transportation safety
- Improve access to businesses and other community assets throughout the corridor and beyond
- Celebrate the community and its rich history



Hall of Fame Inventor Granville T. Woods (l), and Medal of Honor recipient Eddie Rickenbacker. Source: Wikimedia Commons

Study/Project Support

Columbus is seeking a \$12m Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant with a local match of \$12-15 million.

Elected Officials

- United States Senate - Senator Sherrod Brown
- United States Senate - Senator Rob Portman
- United States House of Representatives - Congresswoman Joyce Beatty
- Ohio State Representative Latyna M. Humphrey
- Franklin County Board of Commissioners
- Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano
- Franklin County Clerk of Courts Maryellen O'Shaughnessy
- Franklin County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson
- Franklin County Recorder Daniel J. O'Connor Jr.
- City of Columbus - Mayor Andrew Ginther
- Columbus City Council

State and Local Governments

- City of Bexley

Agencies & Coalitions

- Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio
- Age Friendly Communities

- CelebrateOne
- Central Ohio Hospital Council
- Central Ohio Transit Authority
- Columbus Chamber of Commerce
- Columbus Downtown Development Corporation
- Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority
- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio

Corporations & Private Business

- The Mannik and Smith Group
- Woda Cooper Companies, Inc.

Hospitals & Non-Profit Agencies

- AAA Ohio Auto Club
- Catholic Social Services
- Columbus Foundation
- Columbus Metropolitan Library
- Community Development for All People
- Community Housing Network

- Homeport
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Ohio Business Development Center
- Rise Together Innovation Center
- South Side Thrive Collaborative

Educational Institutions

- Columbus Board of Education
- Columbus City Schools

Professional Organizations & Trade Associations

- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Ohio
- Building Industry Association of Central Ohio
- Urban Land Institute Columbus District Council

Neighborhood Organizations

- Old Oaks Historic District

Other Stakeholders

- More than 30 community residents



Planning Study Process

Chantil Milam, Lawhon & Associates

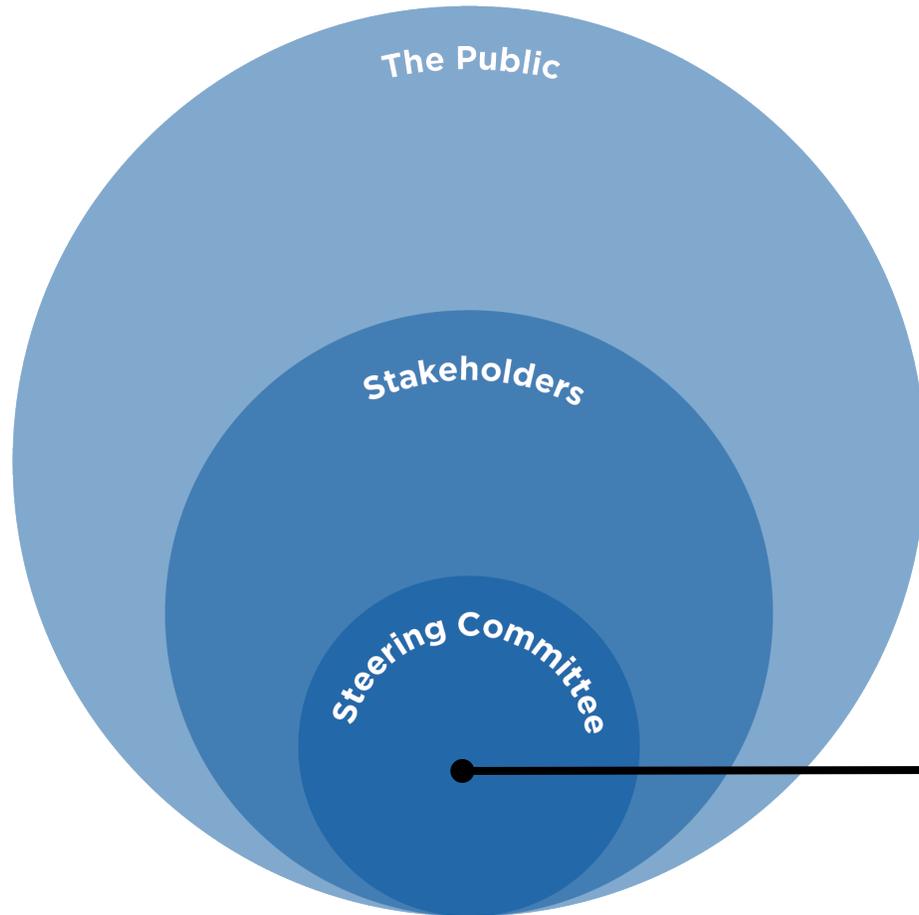
What is the goal for today?

- Introduce the study
- Discuss the study process
- Present what we've done so far
- Present preliminary corridor concepts
- Discuss next steps
- Gather input from you

How We Will Use the Study

- Study used to identify issues, conduct analysis, receive and document input, narrow down solutions
- Study is then used as a roadmap/reference for future project(s)

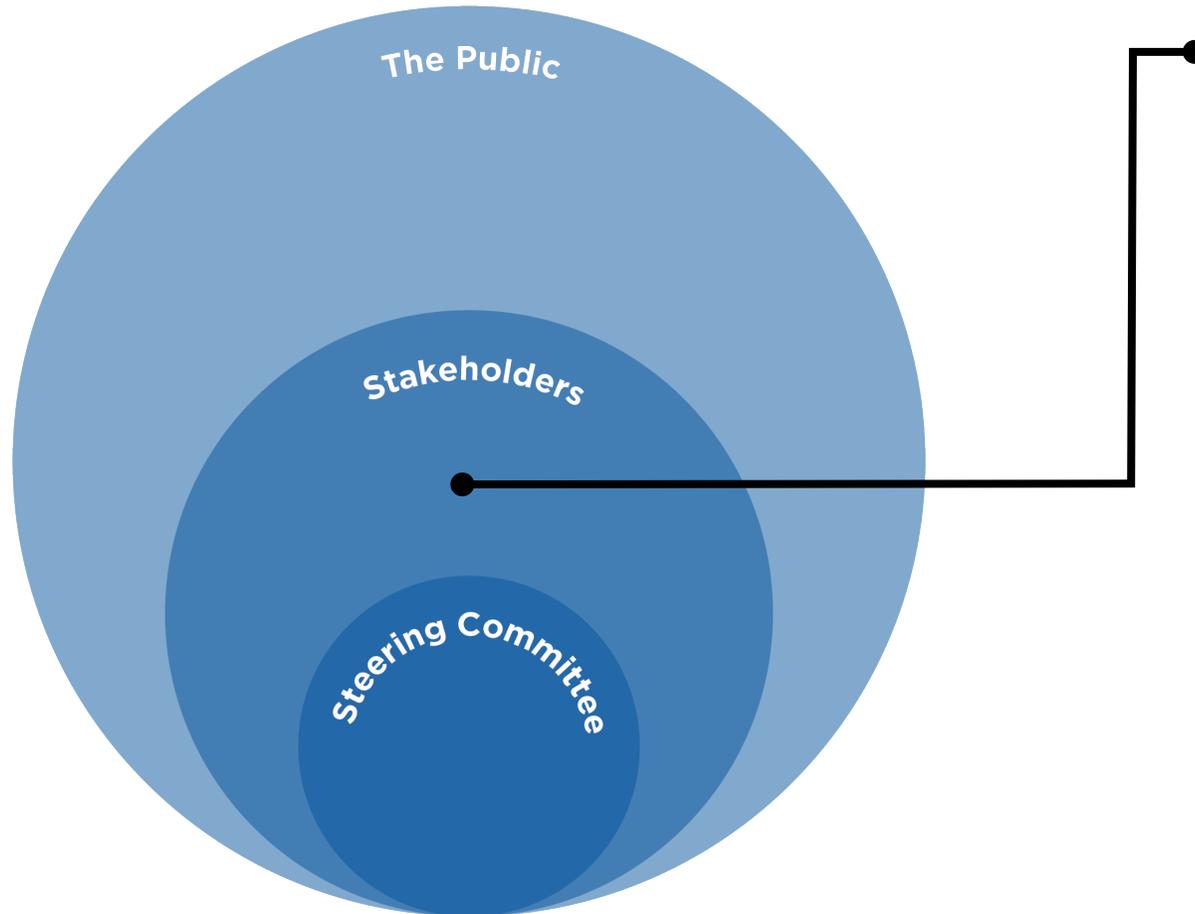
Planning Study Input



Steering Committee

- 13 members
 - Comprised of residents and business, faith and community organization representatives
- Provide guidance to team throughout study
 - 3 meetings to date
- Represent and provide feedback from public & stakeholders to team

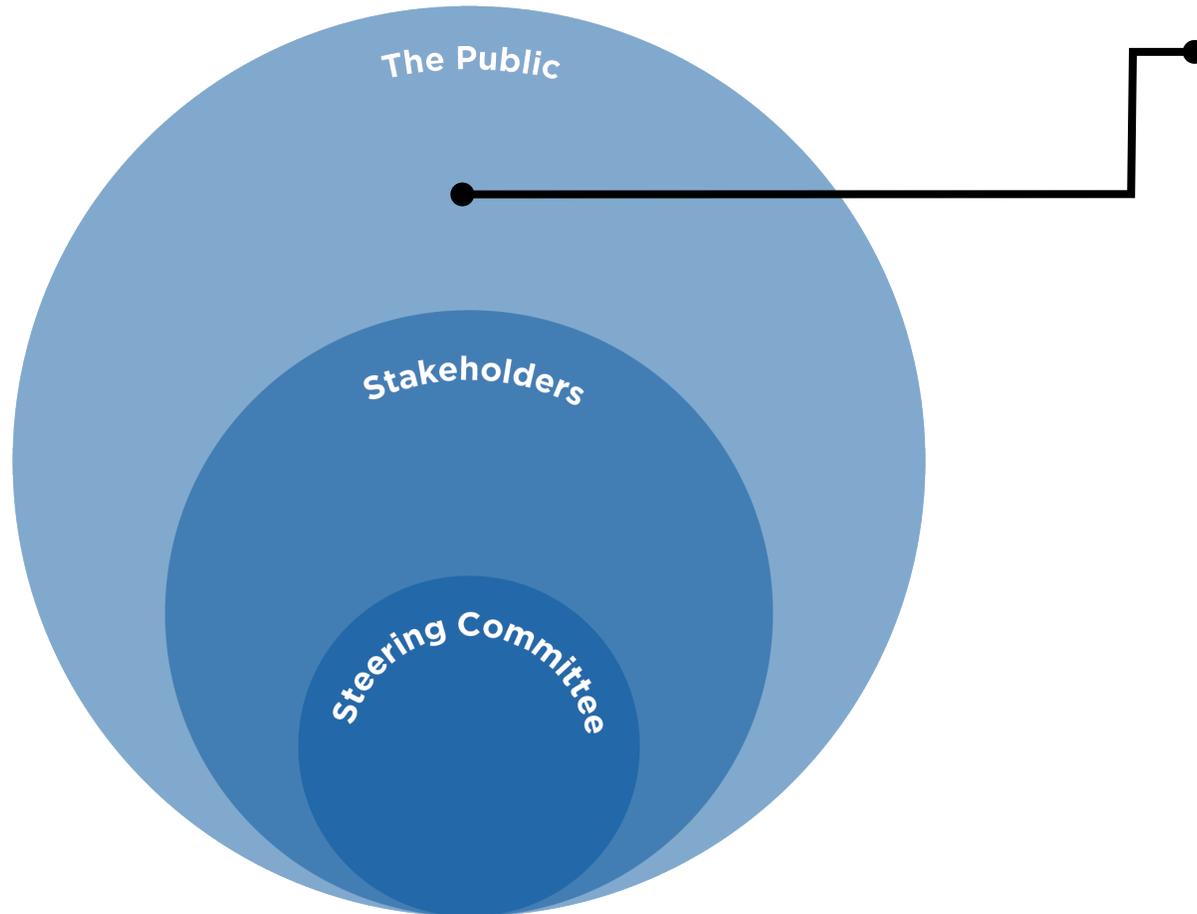
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Stakeholders

- 25-30 groups/individuals
 - COTA, library, rec. center, area commissions, community organizations, City departments, safety & emergency services, Nationwide Childrens
- Informed on study progress
 - Newsletters (monthly)
- Outreach and Input to:
 - Share study findings
 - Answer questions
 - Receive feedback

Planning Study Input

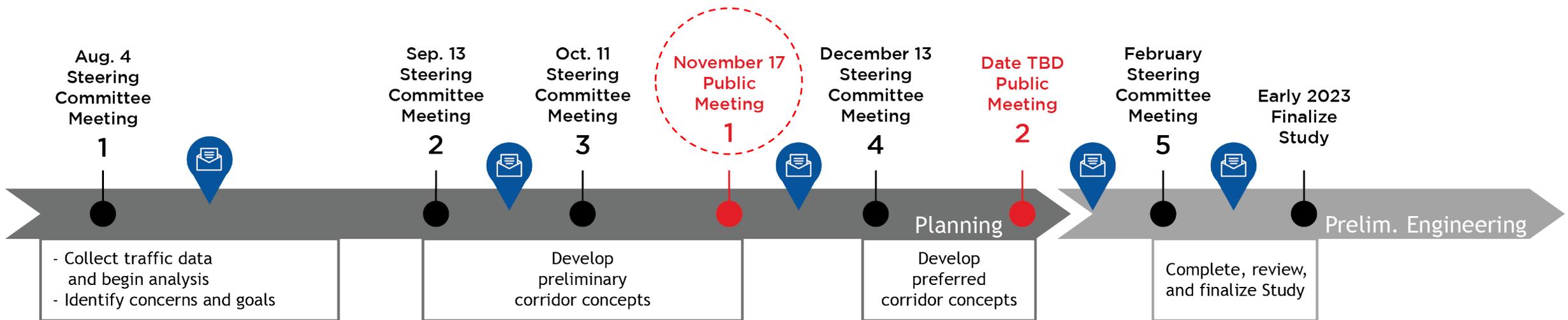


Public

- Residents, neighbors, business owners, commuters, etc.
- Informed on study progress through steering committee, stakeholders and public meeting
- Outreach and Input to:
 - Share study findings
 - Answer questions
 - Receive feedback

Plan Process Overview

We Are Here





What We've Done So Far



Steering Committee Meeting #1 August 15, 2022

Meeting Goals

- Introduce the study and schedule
- Outline roles and responsibilities
- Identify priorities/transportation issues
- Take home survey provided to committee members to gain input from community



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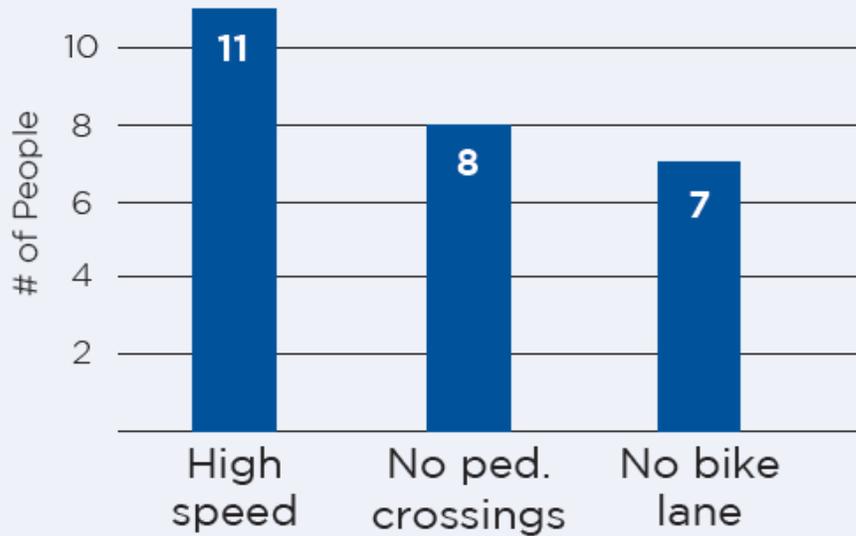
Top 5 Concerns

- Speeding
- Crashes
- Pedestrian Crossing (safety)
- Parking (needs)
- (Community) Identity

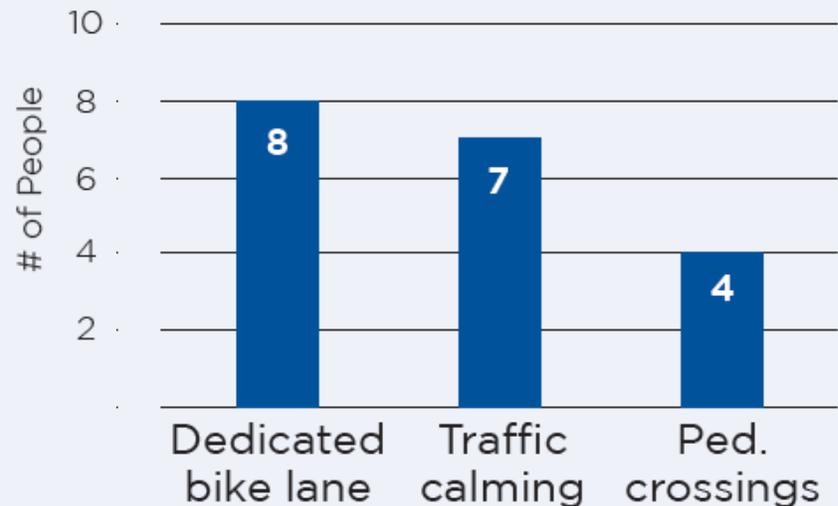
Top 4 Goals

- (Community) Identity
- Improve Safety
- Beautification
- Equitable Local Connectivity

Top 3 Transportation Concerns



Top 3 Transportation Improvements



Steering Committee Meeting #2 September 13, 2022

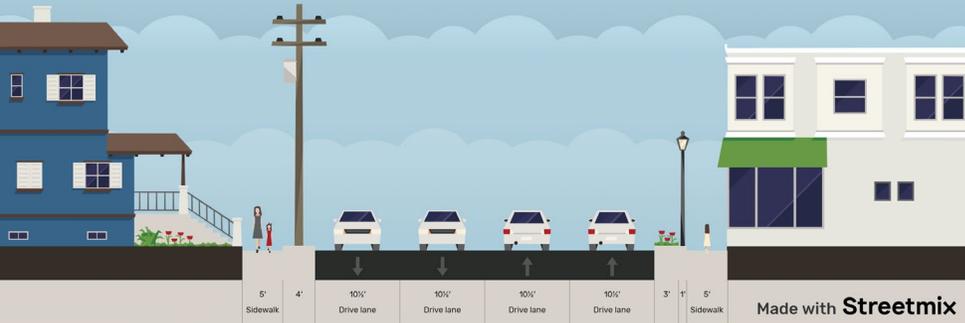
Meeting Goals

- Identify priorities & transportation issues (take home survey results)
- Present “design toolbox”
- Create ideal roadway layouts

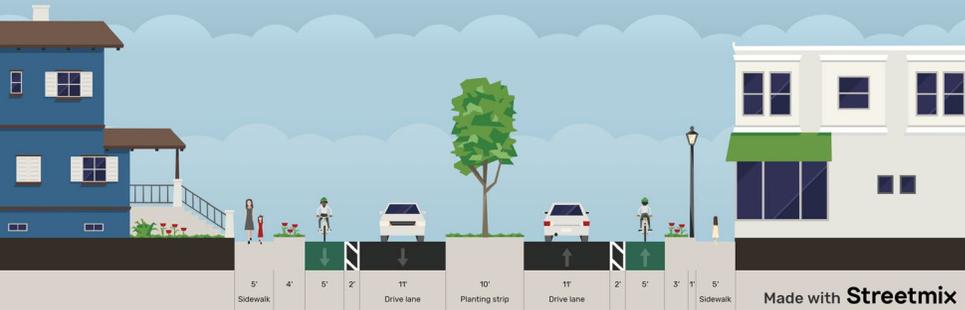
Steering Committee Meeting #2: September 13, 2022



Existing Livingston Avenue



Section 1a - Road Diet with Bike Lanes



Section 2a - Raised Bike Path w/ Media...



Steering Committee Meeting #3 October 11, 2022

Meeting Goals

- Present preliminary corridor concepts (based on layouts developed at previous meeting)
- Receive feedback/interest in each concept (live survey)
- Revise concepts based on feedback to present to public

Steering Committee Meeting #3 October 11, 2022

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS Livingston Avenue Improvements Study
18th St to Nelson Rd

Corridor Transportation Options Survey

Based on the feedback received at prior steering committee meetings as well as technical data collected from the team, the project team has developed four corridor options to improve Livingston Avenue.

Please rate the following corridor options 1-4 with 1 being least interested in this improvement and 4 being the most interested (select one). All sections are looking east on Livingston Avenue.

The following images are for illustrative purposes only, and each option is subject to further design and engineering analysis.

1. The following images represent typical sections showing a road diet with bike lanes.

Section 1a – Road Diet with Bike Lanes

With left turn lane

With parking against curb

With parking outside of bike lane

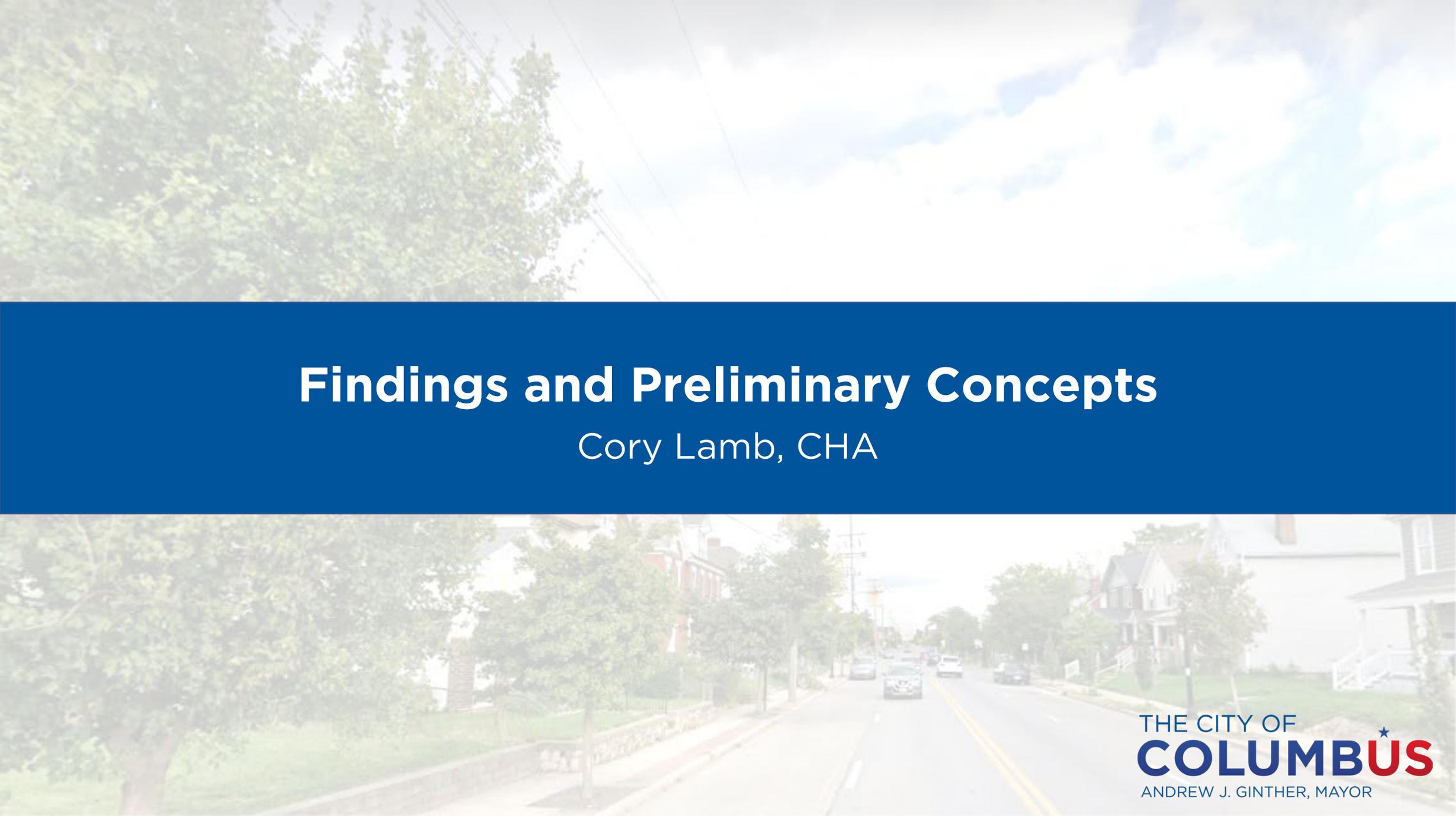
1 2 3 4

Least interested in this improvement 0 0 0 0 Most interested in this improvement

Live Survey Results

- Road Diet with raised bike lane (high interest)
- Road Diet with bike lanes (med interest)
- Road Diet with cycle track (low/med interest)
- Road Diet with shared use path (low interest)

Majority preferred RD with raised bike lane



Findings and Preliminary Concepts

Cory Lamb, CHA

Collected Traffic Information

- Counted traffic at major intersections (traffic signals)
- Measured speeds in various locations
- Inventoried utilized parking AM, PM, Lunch, and weekend
- Collected crash data for last several years
- Inventoried land uses that people are walking to/from



Analysis of Data

Counted traffic

- Analyzed major intersections to get a baseline for traffic flow conditions
- Analyzed traffic flow for each scenario
- ✓ Road diet flows well



Analysis of Data

Measured speeds in 4 locations

- ✓ Average speed around 5 mph over speed limit
- ✓ Some *very* high speeds were measured
- ✓ In general, speeds get higher east to west



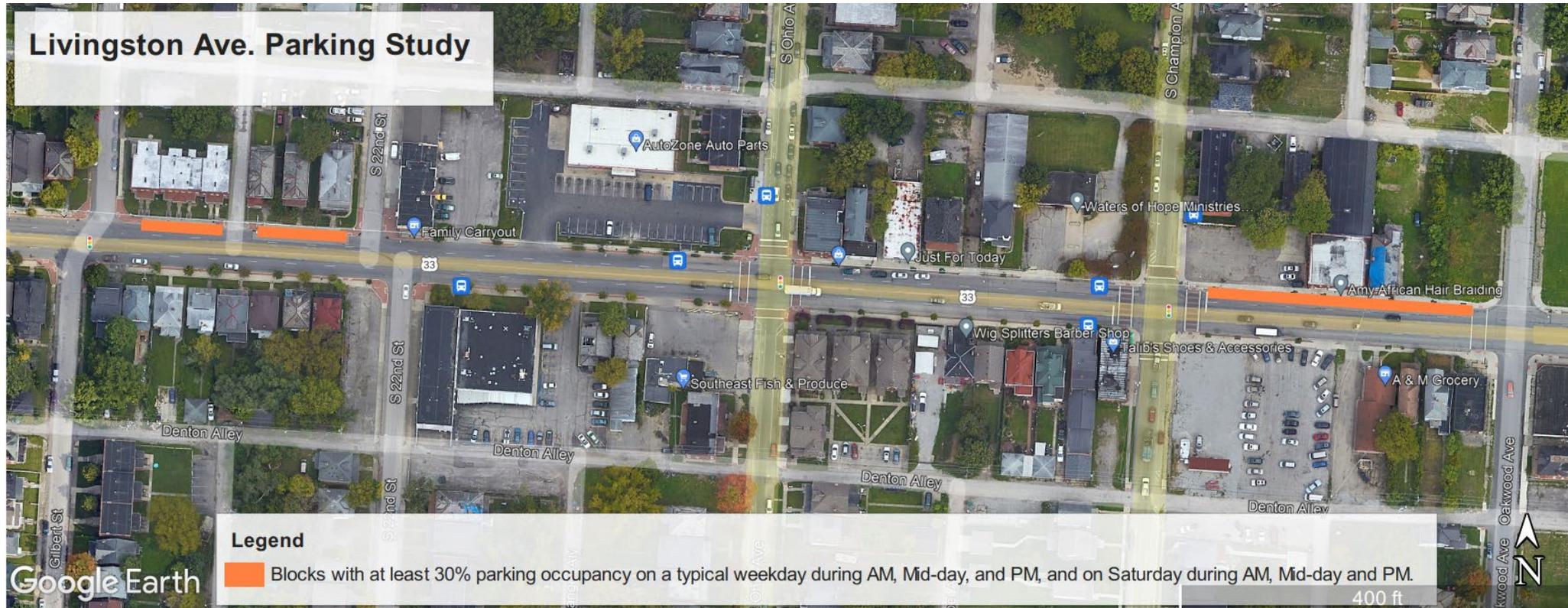
Analysis of Data

Inventoried utilized parking AM, PM, Lunch, and weekend

- ✓ Only 3 blocks had parking *at least* 30% utilized
- ✓ Only 2 blocks were 50% utilized and only for one time period collected
- ✓ *All* these locations were on the north side of Livingston (south side never exceeded 30%)

Block		Block Face	Time	Occupancy %
From	To			
22nd St	Gilbert St	N	Friday, 5:48:00 AM	33.33%
		N	Thursday, 6:31:00 PM	83.33%
		N	Saturday, 5:48:00 AM	50.00%
		N	Saturday, 11:30:00 AM	33.33%
Oakwood Ave	S Champion Ave	N	Wednesday, 11:19:00 AM	37.50%
		N	Saturday, 5:30:00 AM	37.50%
		N	Saturday, 6:12:00 PM	50.00%
Kimball Pl	Bedford Ave	N	Saturday, 5:47:00 AM	33.33%

Blocks at least 30% Parked



Blocks at least 30% Parked



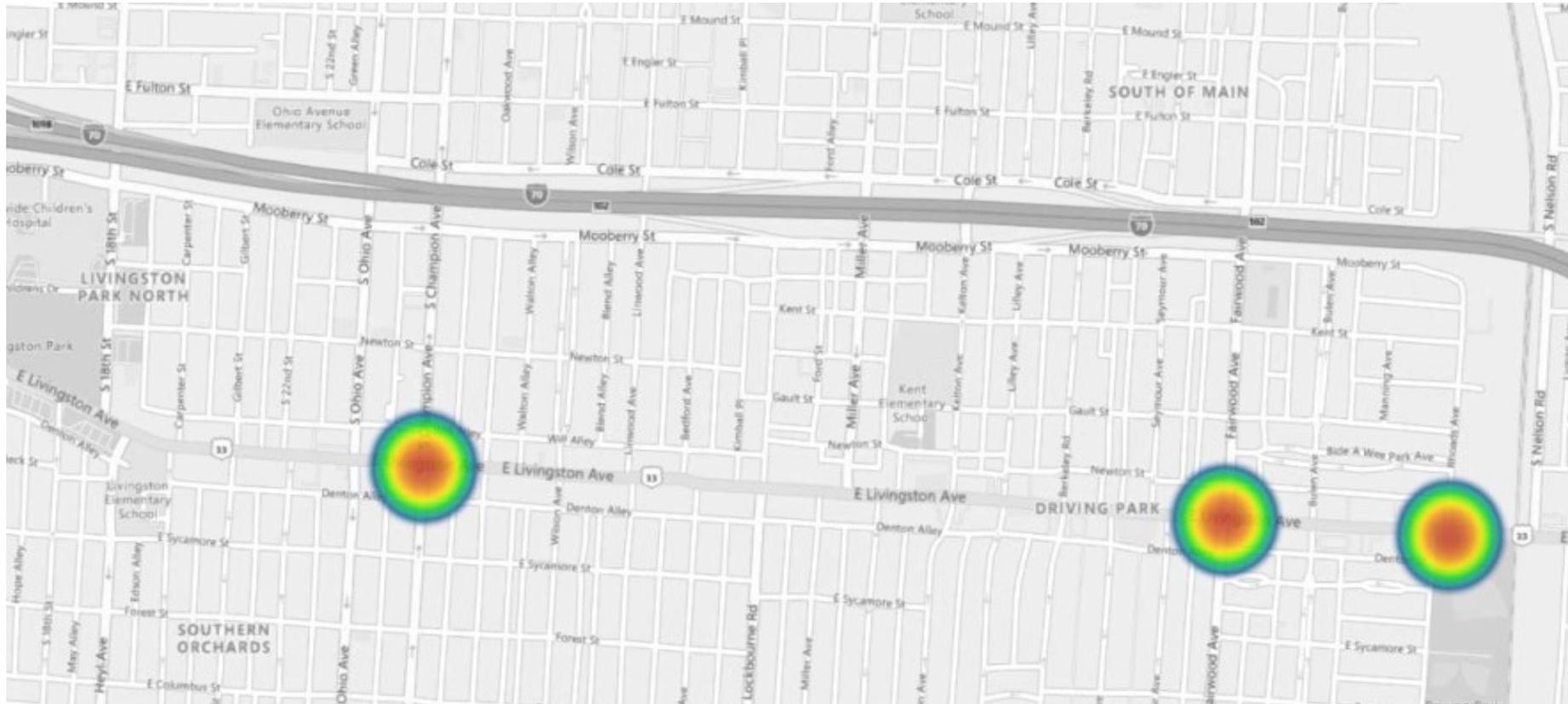
Analysis of Data

Collected crash data for last several years

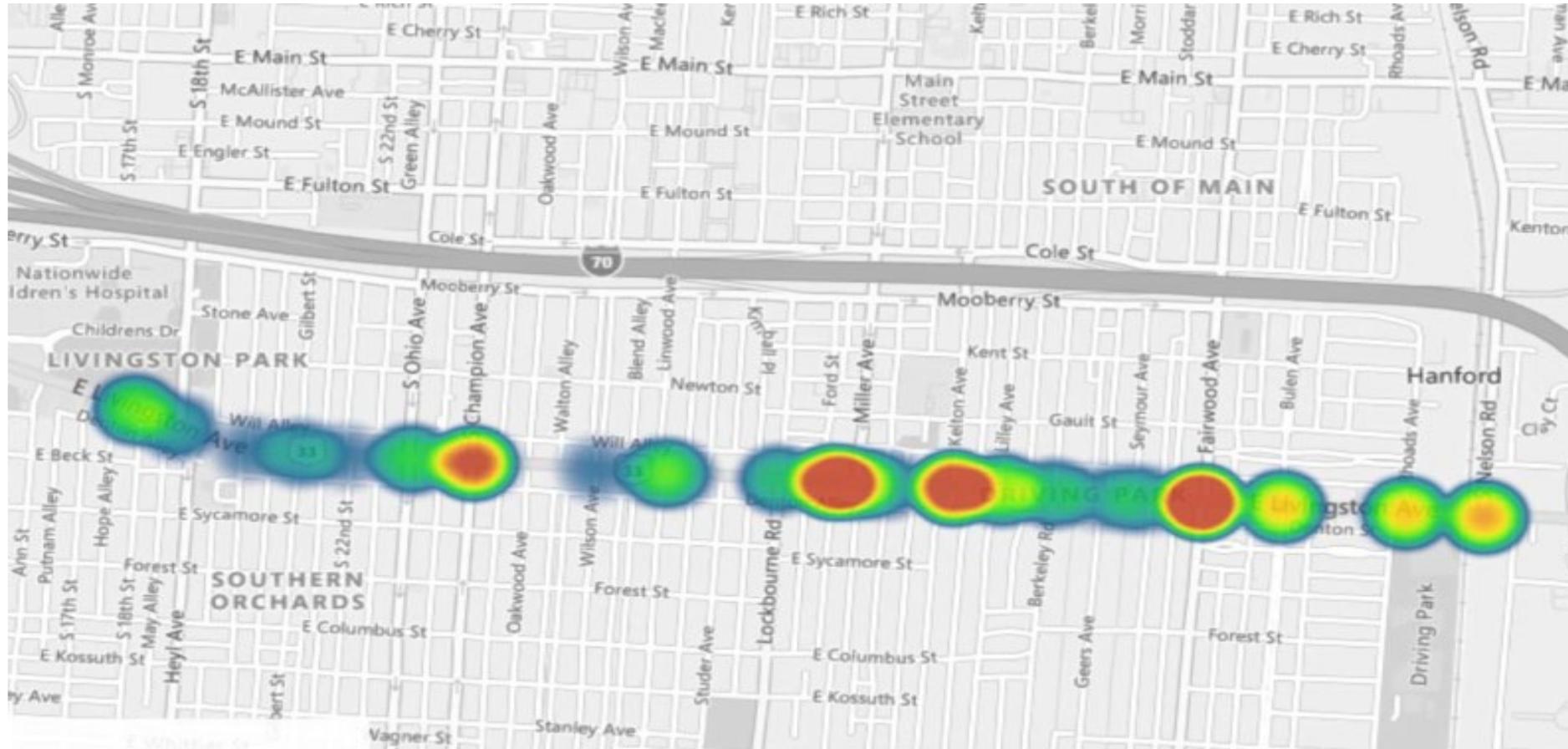
- ✓ Six major hot spots identified for further analysis



Pedestrian Crash Hot Spots



Severe Crash Hot Spots



Overall Crash Hot Spots

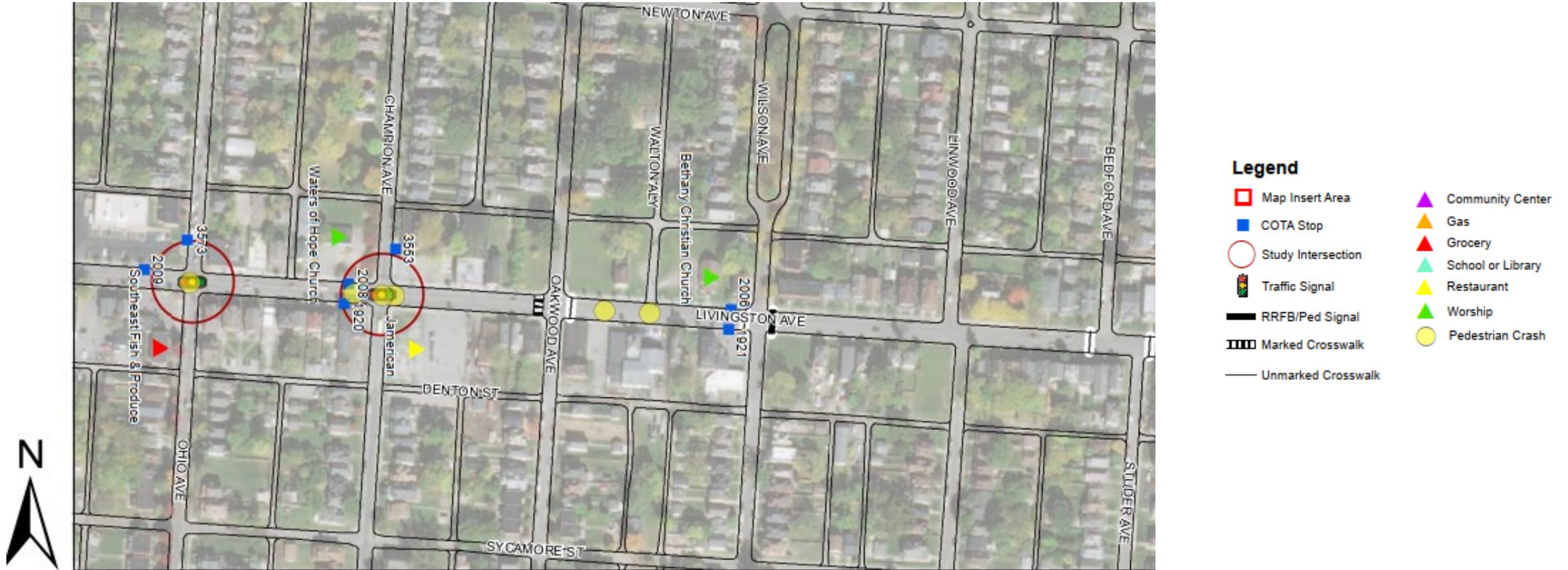


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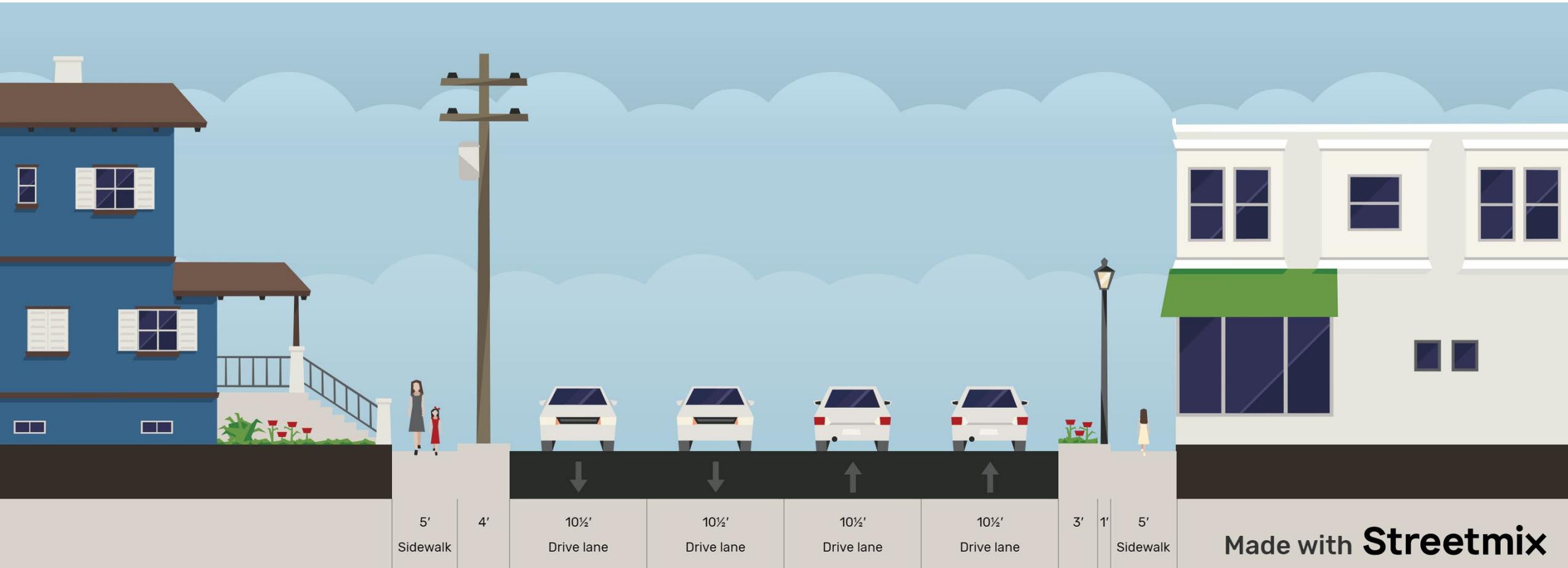
- Inventoried land uses that people are walking to/from
- Analysis to determine if
 - ✓ New marked crossings are needed
 - ✓ Existing crossings need enhanced pedestrian protection



Analysis of Data



Existing Conditions



Bicycle Alternatives – Separated/Protected Bike Lanes



Bicycle Alternatives – Raised Bike Lanes



Bicycle Alternatives - Two-Way Protected Bike Lanes



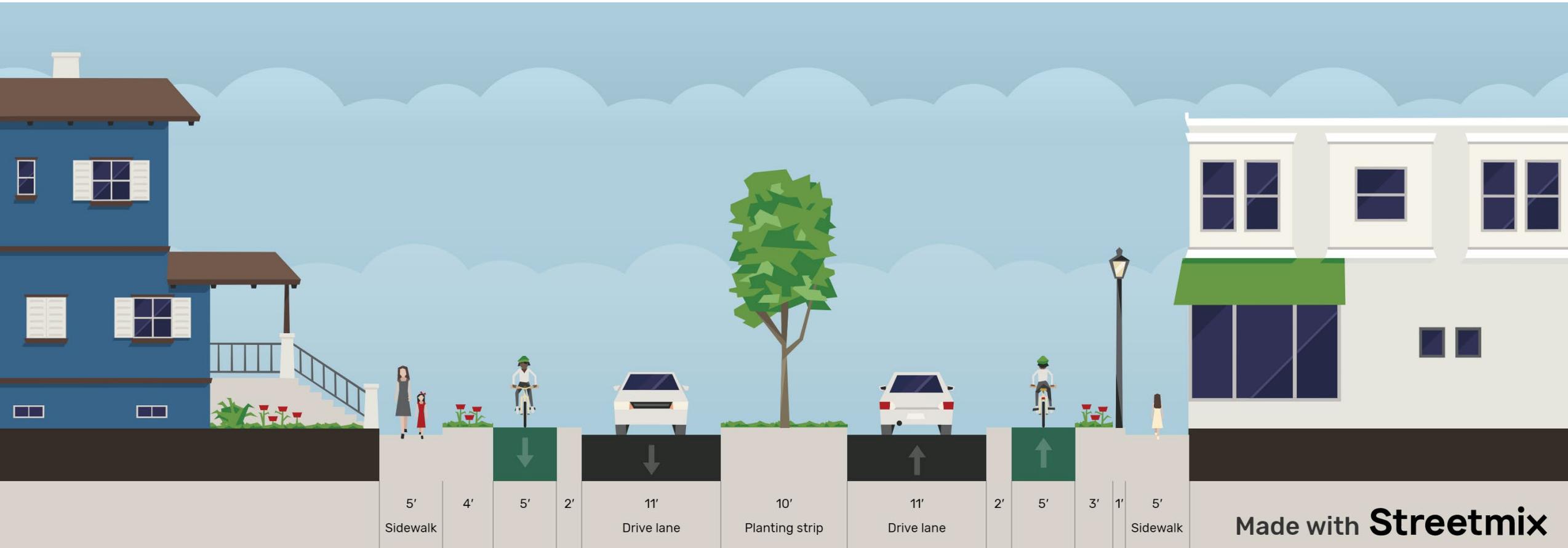
Bicycle Alternatives - Raised Two-Way Bike Lanes



Bicycle Alternatives – Shared Use Path



Cross Section - Road Diet w/ Raised Bike Path



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Road Diet



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Road Diet with Turn Lanes



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Road Diet near Fire Station

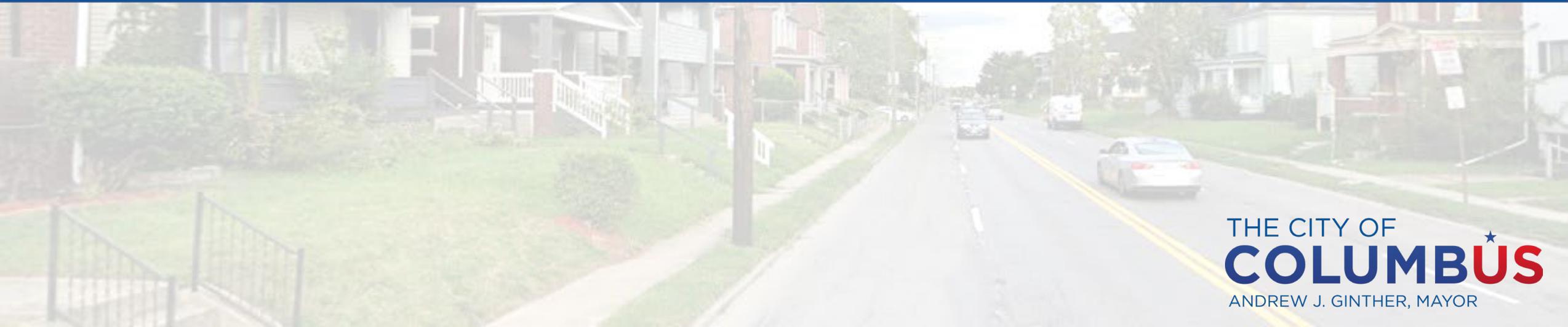


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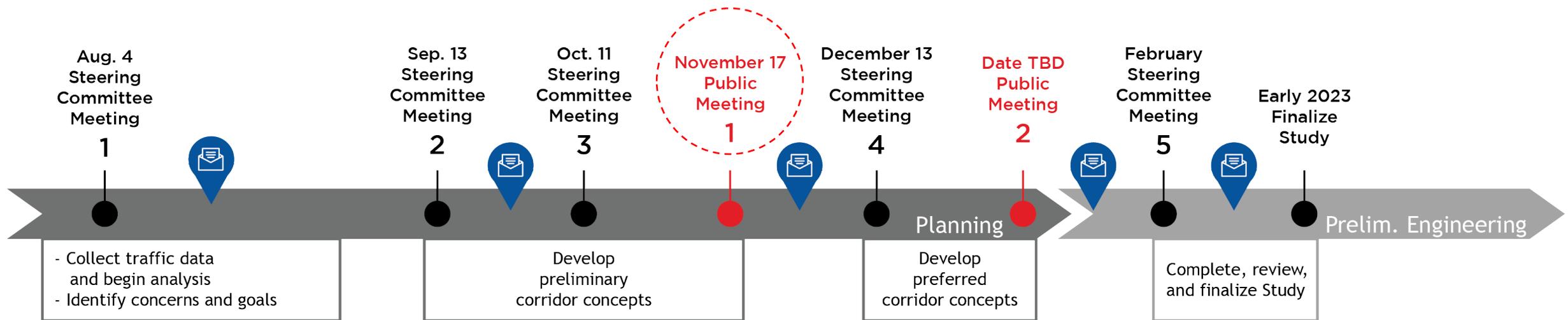
Next Steps

Abby Anacki, Lawhon & Associates



Next Steps: Study Phase

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Next Steps: Project

Study: Spring 2022 to Spring 2023

Design: Summer 2023 to Fall 2025

Right of Way Acquisition: Spring 2025 to Spring 2026

Utility Relocation: Spring 2025 to Spring 2026

Construction: Winter 2026 to Winter 2028

How to Submit Comments

At the Meeting

Comment form/survey at comment table

After the Meeting

Online (QR to the right)

Project Manager, Eric Lambert

- Call: 614-645-2732
- Email: SELambert@columbus.gov
- Mail a comment form to:

Eric Lambert

111 N. Front Street, 6th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215



www.tinyurl.com/SurveyLivingston

Thank you!

Public Meeting #1 Comment Form

We would like to hear your feedback on the preliminary concepts presented for Livingston Avenue. Comments will be accepted at any time; however, comments submitted before December 17, 2022, will be documented in the study and provided a response. We appreciate your involvement!



Online Comment Form: <https://tinyurl.com/SurveyLivingston>

Contact Information *(Contact information is not required but will ensure that you receive a response.)*

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Survey & Comments

1. What is your relationship to Livingston Avenue? (Select all that apply)

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area business owner or employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

2. How often, on average, do you typically travel on Livingston Avenue? (Select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> A couple times a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 3 and 5 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Almost never |

3. How often, on average, do you typically bike or walk on Livingston Avenue? (Select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> A couple times a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 3 and 5 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Almost never |

4. How often, on average, do you typically ride the bus or use public transportation? (Select one)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input type="checkbox"/> A couple times a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between 3 and 5 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> Once a month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 times a week | <input type="checkbox"/> A few times a year |
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5. Do you use any of the bus stops along Livingston Avenue? If yes, which ones?

Yes,

No

6. What do you think is most important when making improvements to Livingston Avenue? (Select three)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> User experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Community support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety and security | <input type="checkbox"/> Property impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constructability | |

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7. How would you rate your interest in the corridor option/layout of a road diet with a raised bike lane? (1 being least interested in this improvement and 4 being the most interested)

	1	2	3	4	
Least interested in this improvement	○	○	○	○	Most interested in this improvement



Highlights

- City of Columbus completing study to make improvements to Livingston Avenue from 18th St. to Nelson Rd.
- Third Steering Committee meeting held October 11th
- Public meeting is November 17, 2022
- Public meeting details will be posted on the project webpage below
- Next newsletter update anticipated January 6

Questions or Comments?

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LivingstonAvenuePedestrianSafetyStudy



This newsletter provides information and updates on the Livingston Avenue Improvements Study.

Project Background

Livingston Avenue is on the Vision Zero Columbus High Injury Network. The corridor has a higher density of fatal and serious injury crashes that threaten the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and drivers. The city is addressing this issue along the corridor, with the Livingston Avenue Improvements Study focused on the section from 18th Street to Nelson Road to promote safety for all roadway users and reduce vehicle speeds and severe crashes.

Process Recap



Steering Committee Meeting #1

- Introduced the study and schedule
- Outlined roles and responsibilities
- Defined goals for the Study



Steering Committee Meeting #2

- Presented design "toolbox"
- Committee members brainstormed corridor concepts/layouts
- Started to conceptualize corridor concepts



Steering Committee Meeting #3

- Presented preliminary corridor concepts
- Received feedback/interest in each concept
- Revised/narrowed corridor concepts based on feedback

Upcoming Public Meeting Open House

The purpose of the first public meeting is to present draft layouts and ideas for this section of Livingston Avenue and receive feedback. The layouts to improve mobility and safety were developed with input from the project Steering Committee, comprised of neighborhood residents and business, faith and community organization representatives.

Since the meeting will be held in an open house style format, you're welcome to join us at any time during the timeframes listed to the right. The same information will be presented at both meetings. There will be a presentation at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. City staff and the study project team will be on hand to help answer questions.

To receive a copy of the materials presented at the public open house by mail or if you need other special accommodations to participate, please contact Eric Lambert at the contact information provided on the previous page.

All are welcome!

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Expected Project Schedule

Spring 2022 - Spring 2023

Planning Study

Summer 2023 - Fall 2025

Design

Spring 2025 - Spring 2026

Right-of-Way Acquisition

Spring 2025 - Spring 2026

Utility Relocation

Winter 2026 - Winter 2028

Construction

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1. Why is this study needed?

The Livingston Avenue corridor is identified on the Vision Zero Columbus High Injury Network because it has a higher density of fatal and serious injury crashes that present safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and drivers. Compared to the rest of Columbus, fatal crashes are six times more likely to occur along Livingston Avenue. Many individual improvements have been made to the corridor, however a comprehensive study for this area has yet to be done. The City is working to address these issues along the corridor, with the Livingston Avenue Improvements Study.

2. What is the purpose of the study?



The Study is focused on Livingston Avenue from 18th Street to Nelson Road. The goal of the study is to identify improvements to the corridor to promote safety for all roadway users and reduce vehicle speeds and severe crashes. The study process will identify issues, conduct analysis, receive and record input, and narrow down solutions. The process will result in a study that will compile all information in a reader-friendly document and will be shared with the public. The study is then used as a roadmap/reference for future project(s).

3. What's been done so far?

The city and consultant team have been working with a Steering Committee, comprised of neighborhood residents and business, faith, and community organization representatives, to develop a preliminary corridor layout/concept for Livingston Avenue. Three steering committee meetings have been held so far to develop the preliminary corridor layout:

Steering Committee Meeting #1 Summary

- Introduced the study and schedule
- Outlined roles and responsibilities
- Defined goals for the study (take home worksheet for neighbors/community members)

Steering committee Meeting #2 Summary

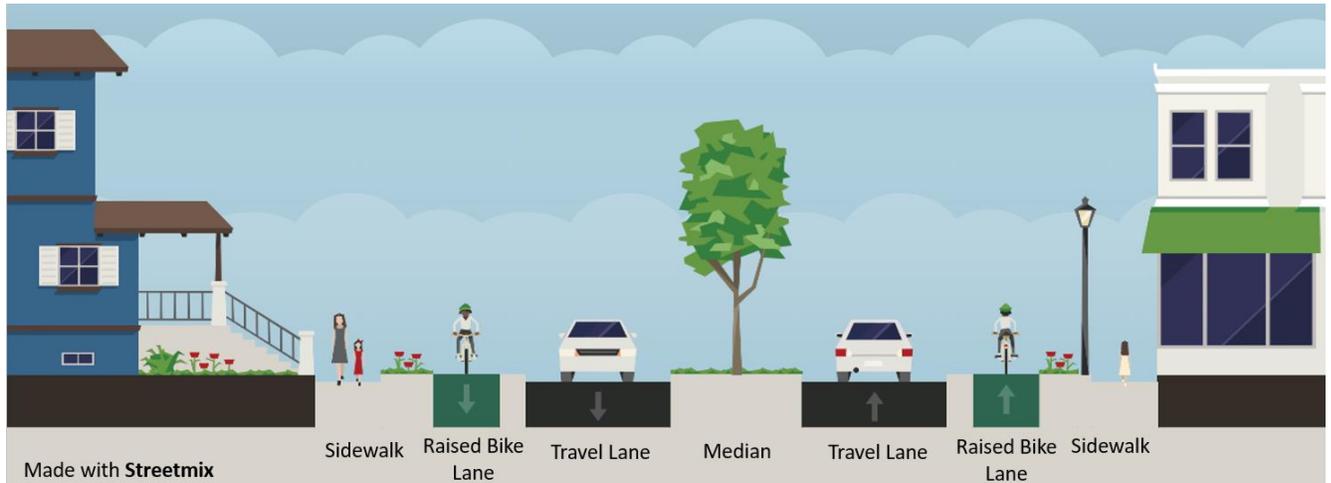
- Presented design “toolbox”
- Committee members brainstormed different corridor layouts
- Started to put together corridor concepts

Steering Committee Meeting #3 Summary

- Presented preliminary corridor concepts
- Received feedback/interest in each concept
- Identified preliminary concepts based on feedback

4. What is the preliminary concept for Livingston Avenue?

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5. What is the purpose of the public meeting?

The public meeting is being held for the project team to present their ideas and hear what you think! We also want the community to be aware of the study, what we’ve been working on so far and who to contact for questions or comments.

6. What is the anticipated schedule for the study?



Feedback received at this meeting will be used to further define the corridor concepts/layout for Livingston Avenue. Another Steering Committee meeting will be held to discuss the feedback received from the first public meeting and any changes to be made. Another public meeting will be held in early 2023 to discuss what we heard from the first meeting, any changes that have been made as a result, and request any additional feedback prior to finalizing the study. A final Steering Committee meeting will be held to present a final draft plan and receive comments. The study is expected to be complete by early 2023.

7. When will this get built?

It is anticipated that construction will begin Winter 2026 and end Winter 2028. A general schedule from study completion (Spring 2023) to construction is below:

- **Livingston Avenue Improvements Study:** Spring 2022 to Spring 2023
- **Design:** Summer 2023 to Fall 2026
- **R/W Acquisition:** Spring 2025 to Spring 2026
- **Utility Relocation:** Spring 2026 to Spring 2027
- **Construction:** Winter 2026 to Winter 2028

8. How can I submit comments?

At the meeting, you can fill out a comment form at the comment table and give it to a team member or place it in the “Comments” box. You may also take a comment form home and submit it at a later time. Comments will be accepted at any time, however comments submitted by December 17th will be documented in the study and provided a response. If you’d like to submit a comment after the meeting, you can do so by the following methods:

Online comment form:

<https://tinyurl.com/SurveyLivingston>



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Call Eric: 614-645-2732

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